

(b) The inspection or grading results issued by a private organization are essential to verify the acceptance or rejection of a special commodity.

(c) The services may be performed without direct Government supervision.

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846.471 Determination authority.

The determinations required in 846.470 will be made by:

(a) The Chief Facilities Management Officer, Office of Facilities Management, for those items and services for which purchase authority has been assigned to him/her.

(b) The Director, Veterans Canteen Service, for those items and services purchased, or contracted for, by the Veterans Canteen Service (except those items purchased from Department of Veterans Affairs supply sources).

(c) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management for all other supplies, equipment and services.

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846.472 Inspection of repairs for properties under the Loan Guaranty and Direct Loan Programs.

Final inspection will be made of all repair programs upon completion. In addition such intermediate or progress inspections will be made on extensive or technical jobs as specified in the contract.

846.472-1 Repairs of \$1,000 or less.

(a) Generally, inspections required will be made by the management broker. If the property has not been assigned to a management broker or if it has been determined that the nature of the repairs requires supervision by a technician, the inspection will be made by a qualified fee or staff inspector.

(b) There is no form prescribed for this inspection but VA Form 26-1839, Compliance Inspection Report, may be used if desired. Regardless of the form in which the report is submitted, it will be in sufficient detail to identify the contractor, property, and the repair program and to enable the con-

tracting officer to make a determination that the work is being performed satisfactorily or completed in accordance with the terms of the contract.

846.472-2 Repairs in excess of \$1,000.

(a) The final inspection and any intermediate or progress inspections on repairs exceeding \$1,000 will be made by a qualified fee or staff inspector. If a management broker is qualified to supervise major repairs, he/she may be authorized to conduct the inspections.

(b) Report of inspections will be made on VA Form 26-1839, Compliance Inspection Report. The form will be completed to identify the property, contractor, and repair program and will also include such detailed information to enable the contracting officer to make a determination that the work is being performed satisfactorily or that it has been completed in accordance with the contract terms. Any deficiencies noted will be itemized and explained in detail.

PART 847—TRANSPORTATION

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847.303-1 F.o.b. origin.

(a) Normally shipments falling within this category will be shipped on a Government bill of lading, except for those shipments covered by 41 CFR 101-41.304-2.

(b) Shipment of flat bronze markers by the vendor, as directed by the Chief, Centralized Contracting Division, or his/her designee, will be made by parcel

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post. VA Form 40-4952, Order for Headstone or Marker, will be used for this purpose.

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847.303-70 F.o.b. origin, freight prepaid, transportation charges to be included on the invoice.

(a) The delivery terms will be stated as "f.o.b. origin, transportation prepaid, with transportation charges to be included on the invoice," under each of the following circumstances:

(1) When it has been carefully determined that an f.o.b. origin purchase or delivery order will have transportation charges not in excess of \$100 and the occasional exception does not exceed that amount by an unreasonable amount;

(2) Single parcel shipments via express, courier, small package, or similar carriers, *regardless of shipping cost*, if the parcel shipped weighs 70 pounds or less and does not exceed 108 inches in length and girth combined;

(3) Multi-parcel shipments via express, courier small package, or similar carriers for which transportation charges do not exceed \$250 per shipment.

(b) Orders issued on VA Form 90-2138, Orders for Supplies or Services, will direct the vendor's attention to shipping instructions on the reverse of the form. When VA Form 90-2138 is not used, the vendor will be instructed as follows:

(1) Consistent with the terms of the contract, pack, mark and prepare shipment in conformance with carrier requirements to protect the personal property and assure assessment of the lowest applicable transportation charge.

(2) Add transportation charges as a separate item on your invoice. The invoice must bear the following certification: "The invoiced transportation charges have been paid and evidence of such payment will be furnished upon the Government's request."

(3) Do not include charges for insurance or valuation on the invoice unless the order specifically requires that the shipment be insured or the value be declared.

(4) Do not prepay transportation charges on this order if such charges are expected to exceed \$100. Ship collect and annotate the commercial bill of lading, "To be converted to Government Bill of Lading."

(c) Each contracting officer is responsible for:

(1) Making a diligent effort to obtain the most accurate estimate possible of transportation charges; and

(2) Utilizing the authority in paragraph (a) of this section only when consistent with the circumstances in that paragraph.

(d) When in accordance with FAR Subpart 28.3 and FAR 47.102 it is determined that a shipment is to be insured or the value declared, the vendor will be specifically instructed to do so on the order, when a written order is used. If the order is an oral order, all copies of the purchase request will be annotated to show that insurance/declared value was specifically requested.

847.304 Determination of delivery terms.

847.304-1 General.

When alternative delivery terms are appropriate but the contracting officer elects to use only one in the invitation for bids, or request for proposals, he shall document the contract file to show his reasons for so doing.

847.305-70 Potential destinations known but quantities unknown.

When the VA National Acquisition Center contracts for decentralized procured items by all Department of Veterans Affairs installations, the evaluation of bids must follow specific procedures. To place each bid on an equal basis, even though specific quantities required by each hospital cannot be predetermined, an anticipated demand factor will be used in proportion to the number of hospital beds or patient workload. The clause prescribed in 852.247-70 shall be used in these instances.

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